Irrigation projects under AIBP

2258. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have eased norms for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) to have better irrigation for good food production;

(b) if so, the Retails thereof;

(c) whether Government will come forward to release 100 per cent financial assistance to States for construction of irrigation projects; and

(d) if so, the financial assistance earmarked for the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRl JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Cabinet has approved further relaxation of AIBP norms with reference to prevailing AIBP guidelines. The details are as under:—

(i) All the approved projects in (a) drought-prone areas, (b) tribal areas, (c) States with lower irrigation development as compared to National average and (d) districts identified under PM's package for agrarian distresss should be provided support under AIBP in relaxation to 1:1 criteria. For other projects, 1:1 criteria *i.e.*, taking up of another project in the State after completion of one ongoing project will remain applicable.

(ii) The sanctioned grants to be released in two instalments, the first based on projected outlay and the second after confirmation of expenditure. The grant component amounting to 90% of the total grant sanctioned will be released immediately and the balance 10% of the grant when 70% of the agreed expenditure is incurred.

(iii) Removing distinction of Fast Track Projects, Reforming and Non-Reforming States and Release of grant of 25% of Project Cost for all irrigation projects in Non-Special Category States and 90% for Special Category States.

(iv) Stipulation of 100 hectare in respect of surface water minor irrigation schemes predominantly benefiting backward regions is brought down to 50 hectare. The stipulation of 10% beneficiary contributing in cost for post construction maintenance for Surface Water Minor Irrigation Schemes benefiting backward regions in non-Special Category States is also done away with.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(d) The State-wise ceiling by Planning Commission for the financial year 2006-07 is given in the Statement.

Statement

The financial assistance earmarked for the States Irrigation Projects Under AIBP

SI.No	State	Allocation 2006-07 (Rs. Crore)"
1	2	3 -
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1500.00
2.	Arunachal Padesh	30.00
3.	Assam	50.00
4.	Bihar	250.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	150.00
6.	Goa	60.00
7.	Gujarat	1100.49
8.	Haryana	40.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	40.00
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	60.00
11.	Jharkhand	45.00
12.	Karnataka	500.00
13.	Kerala	60.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1000.00
15.	Maharashtra	1200.00
16.	Manipur	150.00
17.	Meghalaya	5.00
18.	Mizoram	25.00
19.	Nagaland	20.00

1	2	3
20.	Orissa	500.00
21.	Punjab	100.00
22.	Rajasthan	400.00
23.	Sikkim	5.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	10.00
25.	Tripura	30.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	500.00
27.	Uttaranchal	137.30
28.	West Bengal	50.00
GRAND TOTAL:		8017.79

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:

A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

(1) S.O. 1571 (E) dated the 19th September, 2006 amending SO. 1132 (E) dated the 12th August 2005, specifying the Cost Inflation Index (CII) as 519 for the Financial year 2006-07, for the purposes of Section 48 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

(2) S.O. 1743 (E) dated the 10th October, 2006 authorizing every Chief Commissioner/Director General of Income-tax to issue orders, in writing, for the exercise of powers and performance of functions concurrently by all the Assessing Officers.